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Earth Day: *Gettin' down and dirty, feelin' kinda green...*

by Mr. David Oleksa
Environmental Engineer



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Winklosky

Mr. Pete Rose, Col. Steve Clayton, Ms. Louise Jones and Master Sgt. Mike DeRiggi plant an evergreen tree as part of the 911th Airlift Wing's Earth Day Celebration, April 25.

Although Earth Day was nationally recognized, April 22, the 911th Airlift Wing commemorated its 11th annual Earth Day celebration April 25.

The day began with a presentation on Green Buildings and Energy Conservation given by Ms. Indigo Raffel, the Education Coordinator from Conservation Consultants, Inc., a local nonprofit organization dedicated to resource conservation

and other related environmental issues.

The annual base tree planting ceremony followed the presentation. This year, an evergreen tree was planted behind Building 416. The tree planters included; Col. Steven Clayton, Master Sgt. Michael DeRiggi, Tech. Sgt. Peter D. Rose and Ms. Louise A. Jones.

The annual base cleanup was held in the afternoon, along with

flower planting which was added to the list of activities this year.

"The Earth Day celebration is an opportunity to recognize the installation's commitment to environmental stewardship," said Ms. Francine Vollmer, environmental flight chief for the wing.



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Winklosky

Mr. Bob Moeslein, base civil engineer, departs from the suit and tie and dons a pair of jeans and flannel shirt in order to try out his green thumb at some flower planting, April 25. Several members planted flowers around the base while others picked up trash as part of the beautification efforts celebrating Earth Day 2006.



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Commander's Corner

Keeping watch over your Wingman

This is our last Unit Training Assembly (UTA) before we welcome the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General Team to our installation for the Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI).

I know all of you have been working very hard at getting your processes squared away and fixing those issues identified in your self-inspection requirements. I know you have been working hard by the evidence presented on our different programs that are definitely subject to inspection during the UCI. We are not perfect, nor will we ever be, but you should be proud of your efforts because I am proud of you.

Continue to watch out for each other and the morale of your unit. The commanders and first sergeants can't be everywhere, so we have to depend on each other, as our "Wingmen." That is why the Air Force has the wingman program. Keep up the great job and we will continue to excel.

Before we get to the June UTA, we will enter the 101 critical days of summer with all of the activities that we like to do with family and friends. Remember to be safe out there and run a risk assessment on anything you plan to do especially if it is outside of your normal routine.

The risk assessment can be accomplished very simply and does not require an instruction, a checklist, or training. Simply put, are you prepared for what you are about to do. Are you well rested for the long drive in order to get your family to that vacation spot? Does the vehicle you are using for some event have the required safety equipment? One could go on and on about this, but it is each and every one of our responsibilities to watch out for these things so that we are there for our unit members, our civilian employers and most importantly, our families. We have a busy summer coming up; the UCI is followed by the Wings Over Pittsburgh Airshow in July, and we are only half way through the 101 critical days of summer. Be safe, but enjoy yourself.

Since my last article in the *Flyover*, we have had several events take place. We now have three new colonels in the wing: Col. Patricia Blassie, Col. Steven Clayton and Col. Charles Unterreiner. Please congratulate them if you have not already had the opportunity. We had the pleasure of having Maj. Gen. James Bankers, 22 AF/CC, preside over Colonels Blassie and Clayton's promotion ceremony which is important when you realize it was Maj. Gen. Bankers last UTA in the Air Force Reserve, as he retired on March 31, 2006, and we had the honor of having him perform one of his last career official ceremonies at the 911th Airlift Wing. Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick took command from Maj. Gen. Bankers, April 1. Maj. Gen. Mazick was formerly the HQ AFRC Director of Operations. We wish Maj. Gen. Bankers well in his retirement and welcome him to the best numbered air force in the United States Air Force.

Again, thank you for the service that you provide for our nation and I am both honored and proud to be your commander.



Colonel Randy Bright



Letter to Airmen: An Unrivaled Wingman

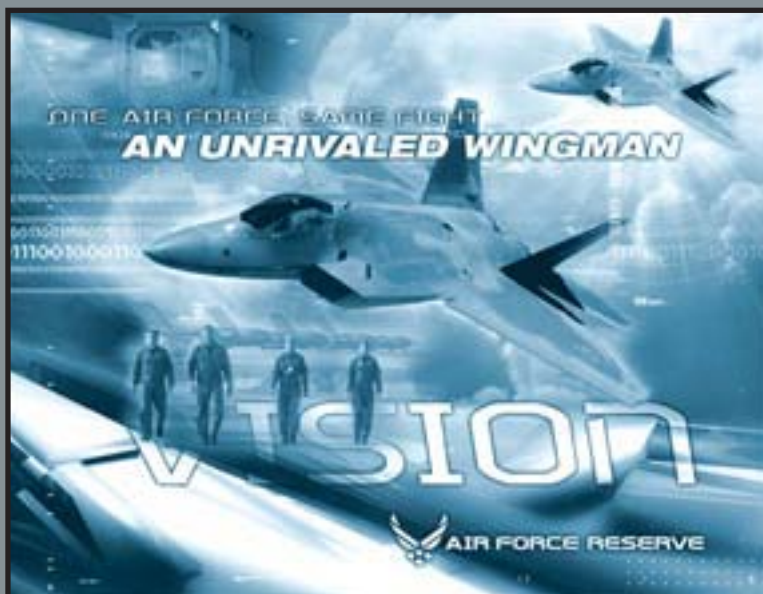
I want you all to know how proud I am of the contributions each of you makes to the security of this Nation and the world. I have traveled to many locations around the globe and observed first hand our Air Force Reservists who are fully dedicated to the Air Force mission and making the world a safer place. This team spirit goes to the heart of my vision: **To provide the world's best mutual support to the Air Force and our joint partners—flying and fighting as An Unrivaled Wingman.**

This principle of Service can be applied at many levels and is integral to how we support each other, the Total Force, and our Nation. We are all part of one Air Force and share the same fight. Embracing this value is the key to being a great wingman. Our military and our Nation are facing significant challenges and increasingly rely on the Reserve for the experience and capability we bring to the fight. Your continued participation and loyalty is vital as we transform into a more effective and efficient force provider.

Thanks again for the impact you make every day. I am counting on you to employ the concepts in this document to build our legacy and help make our vision a reality: *One Air Force, Same Fight—An Unrivaled Wingman.*



**Lt. Gen.
John A. Bradley**



QUICK CLIPS

Stressed out?

If you're feeling a little stressed and need to relax, call (412) 474-8245 to book a massage. Massages are offered every Wednesday and Friday at the 911th Fitness Center.

Coffee Shop to open

The snack bar on base is due to open June 3, as the new "Perksburgh Cafe." Stop by to see what they've done with the place. The grand opening begins at 11 a.m.

New Website

The new 911th website is now online. Please visit us at, www.pittsburgh.afrc.af.mil

Air Show

Don't forget to mark your calendar. The Wings Over Pittsburgh air show, scheduled for July 8 & 9, will be here before you know it. This year's premier performers will be the U.S. Navy Blue Angels. There's always something for everyone to enjoy. So, bring the whole family. The price of parking and admission are...free!

UTA Pay dates

Primary: June 13

Alternate: June 28

(Dates are subject to change without prior notification)



New chief selected to lead enlisted force

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley has named Chief Master Sgt. Rodney J. McKinley to serve as the 15th Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. Chief McKinley will assume his new position on July 1, following the June 30 retirement of Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. CMSAF Murray's retirement culminates 29 years of service to the Air Force.

"I'm excited to have Chief McKinley take the helm of our enlisted force," said Gen. Moseley. "Chief McKinley is a tremendous leader with an impressive array of expeditionary and combat experiences to help him steer our Airmen and serve as my partner. We were

blessed to have a number of exceptionally well-qualified candidates for the position. While the decision was not an easy one, I feel we have the right person to lead our enlisted force during this time of a long war on terrorism, recapitalization and transformation. I look forward to working with him."

Chief McKinley is currently the command chief master sergeant for Pacific Air Forces. He originally joined the Air Force in 1974, took a break in service in 1977, attended college, and reentered the Air Force in 1982. Chief McKinley's career includes various assignments in medical, aircraft maintenance, first sergeant and as the command chief master sergeant at the 86th Airlift

Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany; 1st Fighter Wing, Langley Air Force Base, Va.; the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing, Al Udeid, Qatar; and 11th Air Force, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

The office of the chief master sergeant of the Air Force represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, provides direction for the enlisted corps and represents their interests to the American public and all levels of government. The CMSAF serves as a personal advisor to the Air Force Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, proper utilization, and progress of the enlisted force and their families. (AFPN)

Civilian Award winners - 1st Quarter 2006



Photo by Master Sgt. Mark Winklosky

Congratulations to Mr. John Lengyel of the 911th Airlift Wing for his recent Civilian of the Quarter Award in the GS-09 and above, Wage Supervisor category;



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jessica Benigni

and Ms. Genevieve Todorowski of the 911th Mission Support Flight for her award in the GS-08 and below, Wage Grade category.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jessica Benigni

The 10-day, two phase, Noncommissioned Officer Leadership Development Program graduated 20 students May 12. The NCOLDP provides leadership training to mid-level enlisted members. The course combines college level academic management and leadership instruction, with a military practical, ex-

periential, hands-on application. Established in 1989, the course provides an educational environment for noncommissioned officers to explore current Air Force Reserve Command issues. The NCOLDP is held once a year here at the 911th Airlift Wing. For more information contact the base training office.

Eagle Eyes help observe suspicious behaviors

The Eagle Eyes program is an anti-terrorism initiative that enlists the eyes and ears of Air Force members and citizens in the war on terror.

It starts with teaching people about the typical activities terrorists engage in to plan their attacks:

- **Surveillance** - Someone recording or monitoring activities.
- **Elicitation** - People or organizations attempting to gain information about military operations, capabilities, or people.
- **Tests of security** - Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.
- **Acquiring supplies** - Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, detonators, timers, etc.
- **Suspicious persons out of place** - People who don't seem to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else.

- **Dry run** - Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act.
- **Deploying assets** - People and supplies getting into position to commit the act.

Armed with this information, anyone can recognize elements of potential terror planning when they see it.

You and your family are encouraged to learn these categories of suspicious behavior and stay attuned to your surroundings.

If you observe something suspicious, report your observations using our 24-hour phone number: (412) 474-8566 or contact AFOSI DET 325 OL-A at (412) 474-8824.(PA)



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RCPHA (Reserve Component Physical Health Assessment)

A few of the Unit Health Monitors (UHM) are still experiencing some challenges with the online implementation of the Reserve Component Physical Health Assessment (RCPHA) process, while others are using the system with no or only a few problems. Here are several points to remind some and enlighten others:

1. You should receive a letter six months prior to your birth month explaining the RCPHA and the need to go online to complete the Reserve Component Health Risk Assessment (RCHRA). You can refer to the yellow card for instructions.

2. Complete the online questionnaire. You should do this ASAP after receiving the notification as the process has multiple steps and may take several months to complete.

3. Once you successfully complete the questionnaire we will receive it, and our review will begin. When we have completed our portion, your UHM will see your name in the scheduling area and will schedule you for the areas that have been predetermined you need (based on various factors i.e.: your age, your job, etc). You may receive a letter from the ASTS requesting that more information is needed regarding an answer to a question. Please do not be alarmed; we only want to

ensure your health. You do, however, need to get any information requested back to us quickly as this delays the physical exam process.

4. Your UHM has scheduled you for your physical. Please note the time block. Coming early or late will cause "bottlenecking" of people in certain areas.

5. If you are in cycle for your "short" physical, you may only have to turn in a Dental form 2813 and ensure your immunizations are current. Members assigned to a Occupational Health shop or on flying status will need additional exams which are predetermined according to job/shop assignment.

6. "But why am I not seeing the doctor?" The process has been set up into two steps: **a.)** You complete your physical and have a records review; **b.)** Once your lab work and all documentation is back, you will see the doctor and complete the process.

For most people it will go smooth, only some will experience a repeat visit or two- depending upon your circumstances. Just remember, it is your responsibility to have a yearly physical exam completed by your birth month. Failure to comply will result in a no pay no point status, which is by regulation. Your POC is your Unit Health Monitor. (PA)

"My Stuff" lets Airmen track requests



Airmen can now track the status of requests and correspondence sent to the Air Force Contact Center via the "My Stuff" tab on the Air Force Personnel Center public Web site.

Airmen need a separate user identification and password to access My Stuff because the new software cannot be accessed at this time with the reduced sign-on capability used by the Air Force Portal and the AFPC Secure site.

The system automatically created a generic user ID and password for Airmen who previously corresponded with the contact center. Those members should have received an e-mail from contact.center@randolph.af.mil requiring them to personalize and secure their account by establishing

a unique password.

Members who did not receive this e-mail either already secured their account with a unique login and password or they have never corresponded with the contact center.

A generic account has already been established for all Airmen who have not yet interacted with the contact center, since they may be required to do so in the future as part of the Personnel Service Delivery Transformation.

Members can personalize their generic account by visiting the AFPC public Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> and following these instructions: **1.)** Click the My Stuff gray tab on the front page underneath the search box; **2.)** Type their generic user ID and click the "Email Me My

Password"

button. The generic user ID is the member's last name and last four digits of their social security number; and **3.)** Once the system e-mails the password, members can use their generic user ID and password to login and personalize their account by creating a unique user ID and password.

Establishing the My Stuff account will help Airmen track any requests, applications or questions they have sent to the Air Force Contact Center. For questions or issues regarding establishing a My Stuff account call the contact center at (800) 616-3775, option 1, option 1, option 2; commercial (210) 565-5000; or DSN 665-5000. (AFPN)



The Recruiting Corner



FAQs...

Question: Do Prior Service personnel have a choice of job selection?

Answer: Yes. You may be eligible to retrain into another AFSC based on your ASVAB scores, medical profile, and job availability at a particular base.

Question: I'm a single parent; can I still join the Air Force Reserve?

Answer: Yes. Your recruiter will provide you with more information based on the number of dependents you have, as well as other considerations. Furthermore, the Reserve supports your efforts with family services on many bases.

Get One

The Get One program was launched May 6th at Club Cargo Bay. Recruiting will have another (monthly) Get One icebreaker at the club, June 3, from 6-8 p.m. Unit members are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to serve with their friends and family members by referring great, quality people to join the Air Force Reserve at the 911th Airlift Wing.

Welcome to the 911th Airlift Wing

Capt. Philip Costello
 Senior Airman Jennifer Conner
 Staff Sgt. Kenneth Braden
 Senior Airman Benjamin Murry
 Staff Sgt. Ricky Libengood
 Maj. J.D. Underwood
 Tech. Sgt. Renee Flora
 Airman Randelle Hedges
 Airman 1st Class Patricia Perrian
 Airman 1st Class Christopher Simone
 Airman 1st Class John Davis
 Senior Airman Dennis Barnett
 Capt. Kristin Joltes
 Staff Sgt. Todd Thomas

Important TRDP Benefit Information for Guard/Reserve Pre-Retirees and Retirees

National Guard and Reserve personnel who elect to enroll in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) within 120 days after retirement are eligible to skip the 12-month waiting period normally required for certain TRDP benefits (such as crowns, bridges, and braces). All new enrollees seeking to obtain the

waiver should submit a copy of their retirement orders along with their enrollment application.

It is important to note that as with all new retirees, the 120-day period during which a "gray area" retired Reservist or Guard member can enroll in the TRDP to qualify for the 12-month waiting period waiver begins with

his/her retirement effective date, **not the date he/she reaches age 60.**

Eligible retirees and their family members can find answers to their questions about the program as well as enroll using Delta Dental's dedicated TRDP web site at www.trdp.org or by calling the toll-free number at (888) 838-8737.



spotlight



**Senior Airman
Krista Kulak**

Unit: 911th Operations Support Flight

Job: Information Management

Job Scope: Maintaining records and files

Most demanding job aspect:

Having to get up so early in the morning

Most rewarding job aspect:

Getting to work with awesome people and meeting new people

Hometown: Cranberry Twp.

Hobbies: dance, gymnastics

Favorite food: General Tso's Chicken

Favorite music: Country

Favorite movie: *Pretty Woman*

Who'd play you in a movie? Julia Roberts

Favorite TV show and why? *Saved by the Bell*, because Zack Morris is in it!

Favorite saying: "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get."

UTA Schedule

June 3 - 4

July 8 - 9 (Air Show weekend)

August 5 - 6

Promotions

To Airman First Class:

Paul R. Everly



To Senior Airman:

Rebekah A. Cook
William E. Salesky
Kevin M. Simmons
Lakeisha J. White



To Staff Sergeant:

Justin R. Ayersman
Marc A. Curley
Victor J. Ennis
Mark K. Hample Jr.
Ryan L. Scott
Danielle M. Smith
Seth Zora



To Technical Sergeant:

Gregory J. Dann
Maria Malkin
Theresa M. Mullan
Cindy E. Ressler
David L. Stillwagon
Heather A. Wersing



To Master Sergeant:

Robert L. Dean
Fabrizio M. Ferraro
Casey A. Otto
James T. Sussmann
James C. Wise
James D. Ferrebee Jr.
Joseph N. Burghardt



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